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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RARIY ET AL.

Examiner

SHAILENDRA -. KUMAR

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to applicants' communication filed on 3/3/05.

Claims 1-44 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. Claims 1-44 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over combined teachings of JP'415 and Kranzler et al, all for the reasons of record.

Instant claims are directed to single enantiomers of compound of formula A of claims 1-15 and 18-34 and combination of the same with other drugs as claimed in claims 16-17 and 35-44. Applicants have questioned as to how come all the claims were rejected using the combination of the two references, whereas, only claim 16-17 and 35-44 are directed to the combination of drugs with the enantiomers. The examiner has rejected all the claims, generalizing the subject matter of the enantiomers itself and combination with other drugs. The examiner has clearly spelled out that JP'415 teach structurally similar compounds as claimed herein, and the other part, i.e combination with other drugs is taught by clearly specifying the differences between the claims and the references, and thus used the secondary reference to suggest the combination.

Applicants' arguments were fully considered and were not found convincing. Applicants point out that neither reference teaches single enantiomers also known as enantiopure. It is well know in the chemical art that enantiomers are obvious over racemates, absent evidence to the contrary. In re Adamson et al (CCPA 1960) 275 F2d 952, 125 USPQ 233; Brenner et al. V Ladd. Comr. Pats(DCDC 1965) 247 Fsupp 51,

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147 USPQ 87. Applicants point out that in the specification, there is a statement that (+)parahydroxy-milnacipran is two fold more potent inhibitor of norpinephrin etc. At the outset, it is expected that one of the enantiomer is likely to have better results than the other form. Applicants have not submitted any unexpected results of the claimed enantiomers in terms of the data.

2. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **SHAIENDRA -. KUMAR** whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on (571)272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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